



St James' Church of England Junior School

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Newsletter

24 April 2026

Our Value for the year is **Respect** Our Value for this term is **Perseverance**

Congratulations to our:
Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 3B who won this week's attendance with 96.8% and 5B who were runners-up with 95.3%. Well done!

Important Dates & Holidays – Please keep a copy of the term dates handy!

Take a look at the school calendar and term dates for 2025-26 and 2026-27 [here](#).

Tuesday 28 April	9.00 am	Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 6 May		School Photographs and Class Photographs (Children need to wear full school uniform and bring PE kit).
Monday 11-Friday 15 May		Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 19 May		Pentecost Service at St James' Church – No Parents
Tuesday 19 May		FUNDRAISING DISCO (Tickets now on sale)
Wednesday 20 May		Year 3 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park (Payable via Parent Portal)
Thursday 21 May		Cake Sale (Please bring in donations from Tuesday 19)
Friday 22 May		End of Term 5 at 3.20 pm
Monday 25-Friday 29 May		Half-Term
Monday 1 June		Start of Term 6
Tuesday 9 June		Year 6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral
Wednesday 10 June		Rotary Fun Day at Cattle Country
Wednesday 24 June		Sports Day

School Hours

8.15 am	Gates Open/Breakfast Club
8.30 am	School playground is staffed – children can be left after 8.30 am
8.45 am	Pupils come into school
9.00 am	First session
3.20 pm	End of school day

Pupils should be in school by 8.45 am. All children who are late (when gates are shut) need to be brought into school by a parent to sign them in. If children arrive in school later than 10.30 am we may not be able to order them a hot lunch so they should bring in a packed lunch.

Breakfast Club is available from 8.15-8.30 am. **Children are expected to be punctual, but they should not arrive in school before 8.15 am when the gates open.**

School Meals are now **£2.95**. Please make sure you add enough credit for this new amount every week; £14.75.

Doctors, Opticians and Dentist Appointments

Routine doctors, opticians and dentist appointments **SHOULD NOT** be made during school time. Only emergency appointments and hospital appointments should be made during the school day. All other appointments should be made after school, at weekends or during the school holidays. If an appointment has already been made children should be in school before, if possible, and should be brought into school after the appointment, if time. A whole day is not required for a local appointment. Please email or text if your child is going to an appointment. If you have to make an appointment for your child at the beginning of the day, please inform the school.

Coughs & Colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. **Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly, at home and at school.**

Fundraising Disco – Tickets will be given out the week commencing **Monday 11 May**. All trips, clubs and events will now be put onto the Arbor Parent Portal so that parents can see which clubs, trips etc their child is attending. Please sign up (details on next page) if you haven't

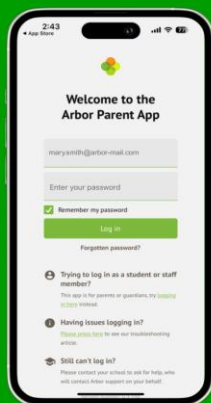
Got a question? Need to know something?

Term Dates ● PE Days ● School Calendar ● Parent Portal ● Communication
Please look at our website first before ringing us – www.st-james-junior.co.uk

We're using the Arbor Parent App!



See and manage your child's day-to-day school information. Understand their progress, make payments and bookings, and receive in-app messages - all from one app



Log in in seconds with Face ID

Receive in-app messages and reminders on your phone

Make payments, sign up for clubs, and book parents evenings

See your child's progress, attendance, behaviour points, report cards and more

Check your child's calendar, it's always up-to-date

Scan the QR code to download the Arbor Parent App, and use your email address to log in



IMPORTANT – All parents need to sign up to the Parent Portal on Arbor!

If you have changed your email recently you will need to contact the school.

All parental communications will now be through the **Parent Portal/Parent App** or via the school email system. All payments for swimming, trips/visits and residential will also be through the Parent Portal as we become a cashless school, apart from charity events, cake sales and non-uniform days.

You can see which clubs your child takes part in and which trips they are signed up for.

Parentpay is only used for paying for school lunches.

If you are a parent/carer and have not received a log in request for Arbor's Parent Portal or are having problems logging in, please check here - [St James' Church of England Junior School - Parent Portal & Parent App](#) or come into see Mrs Hayward or Mrs Wheeler in the office.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

See Clubs on Arbor Parent Portal

Choir - Mondays

Until 4.10 pm until Further notice

Arts & Craft Club – Tuesdays

Until 4.20 pm

Finishes Tuesday 14 July

Puzzle Club – Tuesdays

Until 4.00 pm

Finishes Tuesday 14 July

Tennis Club - Wednesdays

Until 4.20 pm

Finishes Wednesday 20 May

Rugby Club - Thursdays

Until 4.20 pm

Finishes Thursday 21 May

For your diary!



Denmark Road High School

Be part of the Denmark Road experience.

Join us for our Open Morning
30th April or 4th June
8.45-10.30

All welcome.
No booking required.

www.denmarkroad.org



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10TH MAY
GL1 LEISURE CENTRE
GLoucester BRICK FESTIVAL

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Ribston Hall High School
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 4 Open Morning
Tuesday 5th May 2026, 9:15am to 10am

Our Open Morning is designed for Year 4 families who would like a general introduction to grammar schools, and to find out what it's like to attend Ribston Hall High School.

The Open Morning will begin with a talk from our Headteacher who will share information about academic life here at Ribston, followed by a talk from our Deputy Head who will explore the uniqueness of educating girls and our school's approach. Families will also be able to have a short student-guided tour.

Early booking is advised as our events are often over-subscribed.
Please book your place on our website:
www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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Children should have brought home a Fundraising Disco letter. Extra copies in the office. Tickets will be given out week commencing 11 May.

St James' C of E Junior School



SCHOOL DISCO

TUESDAY 19 MAY
3.40 - 4.40 pm

Tickets available for £5 from the office after Easter.
INCLUDES DRINK, SNACK & GLOW STICK!



St James' C of E Junior School



CAKE SALE

Thursday 21 May

3.20 pm

Please bring lots of change!

Cake donations from Tuesday 19 May please!



ROCK *Values* Respect + Optimism + Community + Kindness

Open Evening
Thursday 4 June 2026
5:30pm - 7:30pm

For Prospective Students
Year 7 Admission
September 2027



Unlock Your Potential

Talks from the Principal at 6pm & 6:30pm in the main hall.



My Children had a great time. Smiley faces every day!

MULTIActivity Holiday Club



£15 (1/2 day) **£27** (1 day) **£75** (3 days)

Tues 26th, Wed 27th, Thurs 28th May

Hillview Primary School, GL3 3LH

Open To All Children R - Year 6

Sports, Activities, Arts & Crafts

Sibling & PP Discounts

Scan here for more info & to book!



www.withtheball.co.uk



School Holidays just got a whole lot more fun!

at Sir Thomas Rich's School, Longlevens

Register Early and Save 20%

including:

- Multi-Sports
- Tag games
- Mini-Olympics
- Themed Arts & Crafts
- Team games
- And much more!

My son absolutely loves Just Camps! So glad we've found this club. Amazing value and I know he is safe!
LINDSEY, PARENT



Ages 4-16 years
✓ Ofsted registered
✓ Childcare vouchers
justcamps.co.uk



Ask us about Just Camps Parties!

Run the Rainbow



Saturday 4 July 2026
Frampton Court
Frampton on Severn
11am-3pm

Run, walk, or even skip your way through our colour-filled 5K challenge — and help local people live well, every step of the way.

Expect powder paint, foam, music, and inflatables all while supporting Longfield Community Hospice's care for those living with life-limiting illness and their families.

Celebrate life in full colour!

SIGN UP TODAY!

Advance tickets available:
Adult £15
Child (ages 4-16) £10
Family Tickets Available (up to 4 people: 2 adults and 2 children) £45



SCAN ME FOR TICKETS

longfield.org.uk/run-the-rainbow

Registered Charity No. 298627, Company No. 2213662.



Keep a copy on your fridge!



St James' Church of England Junior School School Term Dates & Holidays - 2025-26

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	Monday	6	13	20	27	Monday	3	10	17	24	
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	Tuesday	7	14	21	28	Tuesday	4	11	18	25	
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	Wednesday	5	12	19	26	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	Thursday	6	13	20	27	
Friday	5	12	19	26	Friday	3	10	17	24	31	Friday	7	14	21	28	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	Saturday	4	11	18	25	Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	Sunday	5	12	19	26	Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	Monday	5	12	19	26	Monday	2	9	16	23	
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	Tuesday	6	13	20	27	Tuesday	3	10	17	24	
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31	Wednesday	7	14	21	28	Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	Thursday	5	12	19	26	
Friday	5	12	19	26	Friday	2	9	16	23	30	Friday	6	13	20	27	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	Saturday	3	10	17	24	31	Saturday	7	14	21	28	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	Sunday	4	11	18	25	Sunday	1	8	15	22		
MARCH					APRIL					MAY						
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	Monday	6	13	20	27	Monday	4	11	18	25	
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31	Tuesday	7	14	21	28	Tuesday	5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	Wednesday	6	13	20	27	
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Friday	6	13	20	27	Friday	3	10	17	24	Friday	1	8	15	22	29	
Saturday	7	14	21	28	Saturday	4	11	18	25	Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	Sunday	5	12	19	26	Sunday	3	10	17	24	31
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST						
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	Monday	6	13	20	27	Monday	3	10	17	24	31
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	Tuesday	7	14	21	28	Tuesday	4	11	18	25	
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	Wednesday	5	12	19	26	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	Thursday	6	13	20	27	
Friday	5	12	19	26	Friday	3	10	17	24	31	Friday	7	14	21	28	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	Saturday	4	11	18	25	Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	Sunday	5	12	19	26	Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	

Term Time	School Holidays	Bank Holidays	INSET Days (No children in school)
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Term Dates 2025-26
 Term 1: Wednesday 3 September – Friday 24 October 2025
 Term 2: Monday 3 November – Fri 19 December 2025
 Term 3: Tuesday 6 January - Friday 13 February 2026
 Term 4: Tuesday 24 February – Friday 27 March 2026
 Term 5: Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2026
 Term 6: Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2026

Bank Holidays 2025-26:
 Christmas Bank Holidays Thursday 25 December 2025
 Friday 26 December 2025
 New Year Bank Holiday Thursday 1 January 2026
 Good Friday Friday 3 April 2026
 Easter Monday Monday 6 April 2026
 Early May Bank Holiday Monday 4 May 2026
 Spring Bank Holiday Monday 25 May 2026
 Summer Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2026

INSET Days: Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 September 2025, Monday 5 January 2026, Monday 23 February and Monday 20 July